

TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

ORDINANCE 2025-17

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
CODE ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWERS” TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC
BILLING METHODS RELATING TO MOTEL USES**

WHEREAS, two motel establishments currently exist in the Township of Florence, which motel establishments are substantially similar to residential uses, except that they do not have laundry or kitchen facilities thus their intensity of use and loading of the sewer system is less than similar uses and residential properties containing laundry and kitchen facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township staff has reviewed the billing procedures and has provided recommendation to the Township Council to reduce the per-unit billing to one-half of the number of actual units at a motel use in the community so long as the motel does not have laundry and kitchen facilities; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township Council that the absence of laundry and kitchen facilities and the effect of less burden on the water and sewer system warrants a specific method of calculating quarterly usage charges commensurate with the usage and impacts realized by motel uses without laundry and kitchen facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Florence, at their May 14, 2025 meeting did discuss the staff recommendation and agreed to the creation of an amending ordinance to codify the per-unit reduction of fifty-percent of the units to be used as a basis for water and sewer billing calculations related to motels not having laundry and kitchen facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Florence that:

Section 1. Chapter 140, Part 3 Water and Sewer Service Regulations, Article VI Rate Schedule, Section 140-48.C. shall be amended to read as follows:

- C. The rate, as indicated, shall be multiplied by the number of dwelling units or business, commercial or industrial units combined.
1. Except that in the case of a motel use not having laundry and kitchen facilities, the number of units used to calculate the quarterly billing and excess usage shall be one-half of the total units and rounded upward to the next whole number when the total number of input units is an odd number. The provision specifically assigned to motel uses not having laundry and kitchen facilities shall no longer apply if there is created either, laundry facilities, or kitchen facilities no matter how many such laundry or kitchen facilities are created at the motel.

Section 2. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Florence heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

JOSEPH FRAPPOLLI
Council President

NANCY L. ERLSTON, RMC
Township Clerk